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LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir.

May I hope that you will excuse the liberty I take in thus addressing you the following lines although personally unknown to you.

A great friend of mine the Lady Mary Feilding, Sister to the present Lord Denbigh who has lately formed a Guild for the purpose of giving assistance and relief to Ladies reduced in circumstances, came to me about 3 weeks ago and urgently asked me to attend a Young Canadian, Miss Frances Jarvis,

& sing for me, in order to get my opinion how far her voice was worth cultivating. Well — although this is my time of rest often a heavy London visitor out of friendship for Lady Mary — I consented & at the Grey Lady with her mother came & this quiet retreat, and I would hear her.

I need not say that Miss Frances is your own niece. ——

The tale of these ladies privations, patient suffering and yet never failing hope that fate will someday smile on them and give them their cherished desire, earnestly gained independance

Yours,

I must say, touched me and filled me with sympathy and pity for them in their present sorrow & condition!

Both Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Jarvis so well-to-do, daughter have tried to gain a miserable pittance. And often & often Miss Jarvis took an engagement & sing at the American Church at Paris from which she got 100 frs. pr. month. But she soon broke down as they asked her sometimes 6 practice 4 hours a day without cessation - and with her want of knowledge how to use her voice - she soon became weak in health, voice like wise - and was obliged to

Give up the post. Then
they came to London, it seems
that she tried to go into a
family to teach Music and
Italian - but was obliged
to give up that post too
as she had barely food
enough and that of bad
quality - and had to work
very long & hours. She
returned to her poor Mother
very ill - inflammation
of the Stomach - bleeding -
and only recovered through
the tender and untiring
nursing of that true true
who under the dangerous
illness had poisoned
everything she possessed
and was now utterly penni-
less in cold bleak London!

It was in this moment of utmost need and darkness that from Mr. Jones's head & Lady Mary Fielding's Guide — and that she found momentary relief and was sent to a Cottage some miles from this place to somewhat restore her daughters health — and poor Eliza you niece came here to me — of course after so much suffering her voice could not be in a fit state — so I kept her with me and daughter with me — and daily — and had the satisfaction of finding her voice much better after the quiet and splendid air of Tunbridge Wells. —

She has a sweet voice, though
not powerful. but consi-
dering that for Mrs Lorais
says she has had no proper
food for 3 years! it is very
probable that her voice
will become stronger
if she has no anxiety or
deep care for the next-
coming two years. —
I think she has talent
and certainly is musical.
Italy has put great notions
about the stage in her
head — but — it is not
quite a gigantic figure
like hers. neither at her
advanced age that
she is likely to make her-
self a position on the
stage — This I have clearly
told her — and also that

she must not expect to become a great Actor, but that she might become a good Concert-Singer or teacher of Singing. She accepts anything I can propose, provided that she can get into right-hand to learn of the knows nothing about singing - and how to begin afresh! and earn her own bread, and dreads no work, the say, however hard it may prove.

With - when I find her so desperate in

her ardent desire of
independance - and her
whole soul wrapt up
in Music, I could not but
sympathize and sympathize with
her. I then began to ask
if she had no relations
to help her - for indeed
in this way three ladies
cannot respectable
support themselves by strangers.
I was then told of
three Uncles - but with
an air of Gravity
that let us know
always to mind to
and her daughter
why then not write
openly to your Uncle?
I said - With Frances

then seemed she could
not ask for happier
fate. because she has
acted in strict opposition
to your advice & wishes in
not giving home & settled
duties decently and many
as other young women
do. upon which I took
my hat & left nearly
like two lunatics and
more especially with
very bad title her
relations could relish
her stage-fancies!
She seems all this but
I must endeavour her
patience for [illegible]

I found the Thing of these two Ladies run in my mind for Sunday and decided that I would instruct her in Singing, provided she and her Mother two Sundays first & line upon for the next two years - for indeed I must undertake to instruct the Choir if Thomas and Austin Burnes on the Hand.

I acquainted them with my decision, and told them, as the only

proper thing, & write
to you dear Fi. put
on confidence and trust
in My Darling Lord exactly
as I do in the matter
and do the same for
me & release the
deep reluctance of
both Mother and
Daughter to ask you
questions and put
Mr. Barnes soul
her full Consent to
my worship of you!
May this holiness
of mine not be torn

& your niece and
dear Mother.

I am not rich enough
to support you wife
in luxury. Nevertheless
was never my forte
I have spun in many wise
than I ever dreamed
and all I asked many
kind America is spun
in real Charities
public and private
in my own beloved
Sweden. I have two
sons and one daughter
who will have but
scanty means when
I am gone and

only through no exercise
of knowledge understanding
can we have a decent
but perfectly simple
life. I can therefore
only instruct you
wise & conscientious
in the highest school
of study without
forsaking the practical
aim. I do it gladly in
gratitude & by your
gift & your confidence
to the extent
fully guided me
and helped me when
I was alone in the

would too proud to take a penny from our dear King.

My heroine speaks it does indeed show it. Will you think me a fool of help accross the seas? Assured you are your niece and her self sacrificing Mercy is right to do. Is not the help to have escape in their behalf? Will you ever look the young heroines smile and nod of approval.

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life – and to be one, by a feel that has warm desire, through the musical gift to earn an honest independence, deserves encouragement and support. ——

And would you – considering all that I have in my circumstances – kindly lend – generously spend £200. Sterling per Annum for two years. to enable her and her Mother to live without anxiety during the time she must work with me. ? —— If you

the Governess through
today: Yes. I will
take her in hand
to-morrow. We — I'm
to assume, but
leave the matter in
higher hands? —

To-day I must
advise you more
extensively. The present
writing must be
accomplished by 3
things: 1st To be worthy.
2d By pain the voices
under them care.
3d And their pupils
have more ignorant

then they were return
they arrived. —
the Old Stolbin Mooley
which used to breed the
breed of real singing
are mostly dead and
gone - or too old to
give lessons. —
Mr. Stone has
at this moment on
sale Capital 30. Shilling
Stanley received from
Sir Smith. when the
Colony is Spent - they
are destitute. I have
the Ladies every day
here for dinner -
to make this pass 30. th.

& so on for as possible

I need not therefore add with what anxiety I look forward to your reply to this (unfortunately long) letter of mine.

I don't know why I have such deep confidence that you will not only receive my letter kindly — but also safe your niece and her mother from falling into

hands

of money lenders
and strangers!
May my faith in
your generosity be
rewarded — and
may he who con-
turns all wrath into
love and forgiveness
inspire your heart
with pity and
interest for the future
fate of your unfor-
tunate brothers
as well as I do. For
it is more blessed
to give than to
receive! —

I remain here till the middle or end of October, and write many apologies I have the honor to subscribe myself

Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Francis Goldschmidt

The Cottage
on the Common
Tunbridge Wells
Kent,
England

23d of August.
1874.